

County Service Area 69 (CSA-69) - 2010 Meeting Minutes

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County of San Diego

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CSA-69 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Members Present

Coyle, Ken – (Alt) Lakeside Fire Protection Dist.
Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist.
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Ghio, Augie – (Alt) San Miguel Fire Protection Dist.
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Randazzo, Michael – Lakeside Chamber of Comm.
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Smith, Rick – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Chief, Marcy
Yaghmaee, Saman

Members Absent

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

Guests Present

Kamlan, David – ZOLL
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire District
Prophet, Catherine – ZOLL

Recorder

Cavanaugh, Adria

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made to approve the Minutes of October 22, 2009 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

Andy Parr, Lakeside Fire Department, introduced David Kamlan, of ZOLL Circulation. Mr. Kamlan attended to present an award to the CSA 69 fire agencies for their participation in the Autopulse project. CSA 69 gathered data as one of 35 sites in the state to test the new technology for the California EMS statewide quality assurance registry. Autopulse is a device that can replace manual CPR compressions. The testing period for data analysis was from April 2007-June 2009. The results

are promising and they showed that the device gets more pulses back than manual chest compressions (pre-hospital: 21% using manual CPR and 31% with Autopulse, hospital: 18% manual CPR and 25% for Autopulse). Participation required quite a bit of time and effort to properly complete the testing forms and submit them to the state QA registry. Mr. Kamlan thanked the CSA 69 fire departments for all of their hard work and presented them each with a plaque of appreciation for participating in the “Cal Autopulse Quality Assurance Registry”.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Budget Subcommittee Report

Chairman Savage thanked County EMS staff for all of their hard work on the budget as well as thanking the fire departments for doing their part to balance the budget. **MOTION to approve the budget made by Jim Bingham, seconded by Kevin Howe. Mr. Augie Ghio abstained. MOTION Carried.**

B. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)

There is a projected budget deficit of \$21,000, but it is anticipated that the FY will end with a balanced budget. Overall, the revenue stream is healthy due to increased transport revenue as a result of the user rate fee change.

Property Tax Revenue: Revenue from the property tax is at \$232,656 for the 1st and 2nd quarters of the fiscal year.

Benefit Fee Revenue: Revenue from the benefit fee is \$1,089,832 at this time. Similar to property taxes, benefit fee revenues show up in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Interest Revenue: The interest revenue is at \$9,685, down significantly as of this time last year, but it is a small source of revenue and not of large concern.

Revenue and Non-Resident Transport Fee Revenue: Total revenue from transport fees during the 1st and 2nd quarters are significantly higher than previous fiscal years due to the increase in user fees and the proactive approach in collecting incomplete patient information by the billing agency.

Cash Reserve: Cash reserves are about \$1,260,000.

Chairperson Savage thanked both the City of Santee Fire Department and the Lakeside Fire Protection District for keeping their costs down.

C. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief)

Chief Metz announced of Merle Rupp’s retirement and thanked Chairman Savage for attending the party and giving Merle a special plaque on behalf of the Advisory Board. Merle’s replacement begins tomorrow, Friday, February 12.

EMS organized five mass vaccinations Point of Dispensing (POD) clinics and vaccinated 10,616 people. There are another five coming up and EMS is working with the City Readiness Initiative (CRI) partners to schedule them. There is a statewide golden guardian exercise planned for May 18. The exercise includes activating the Medical Operations Center (MOC) and the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The simulation will test surge capacity of a mass burn trauma event.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

The H1N1 flu has dissipated in the community. The first week of November was the peak and it has not shown up in the southern hemisphere. Patient deaths are at a low level. Emergency Rooms are monitored for flu like symptoms and the numbers have slightly trended downward. Overall in the County, 900 patients were hospitalized, 200 admitted to the ICU, 55 residents have died with an average age of 45 years. Seventy-Five percent (75%) had underlying health conditions. There have been no increased incidents of Guillain-Barre. Additionally, a recent Lancet article retracted an original publication connecting Autism and vaccines. H1N1 will be added to the flu shot for next year. For information on future vaccine POD's call 211 or go to www.SDIZ.org/flu.

E. Agency Reports

Santee Fire: The department received the ambulance back with a new chassis. Additionally, the department conducted a fire academy and hired three new firefighters.

Lakeside Fire: The department experienced leadership changes and Andy Parr is now the Interim Chief. He has 35 years of service. Lakeside Fire has a new ambulance. They are working with the County to upload prehospital data.

Chairperson Savage thanked ZOLL for attending the meeting and thanked the agencies for their participation in the quality assurance data tracking.

V. ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2010

MOTION made by Kevin Howe to re-elect Warren Savage as chairperson and Mayor Randy Voepel as Vice-Chair, MOTION seconded. MOTION carried.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA.

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, seconded by Michael Randazzo to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

County EMS



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Agency Representatives Present

Mattick, Richard – City of Santee Fire District
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Agency

Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Randy Voepel, Vice-Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February 11, 2010 were approved with amendments.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Budget Subcommittee Report (Saman Yaghmaee)

The budget subcommittee met in February and submitted the preliminary budget for the next year to the County, which was approved. The subcommittee will not meet again until next February.

B. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)

Saman Yaghmaee furnished a report to the committee and the following Year-to-Date Budget and Contract Report information was presented:

Property Tax Revenue: Revenue from property tax is at \$372,894 and is projected to reach the budgeted amount of \$538,385 by the end of the Fiscal year.

Benefit Fee Revenue: Revenue from the benefit fee is \$1,344,411 and is projected to reach \$2,222,746 by the end of the fiscal year. This amount is \$44,565 higher than last year due to growth in the Consumer Price Index in FY 2009/10.

Interest Revenue: Interest on the reserve is at \$14,414 and is projected to be \$18,000 by the end of the fiscal year. The amount is lower by \$15,863 compared to the same time last year due to lower return on investment.

Revenue and Non-Resident Transport Fee Revenue: Revenue from the resident transport is at \$2,150,340, an increase of \$1,101,401 from last fiscal year. Non-resident transport is at \$516,643, an increase of about \$169,238 compared to last fiscal year. The increases are due to increases in transport fees, change in billing companies and improved communication between the hospitals, fire agencies, billing company and insurance providers.

Cash Reserve: Cash reserve was \$1,259,457 as of July 1, 2009. A minimum surplus of \$500,000 (\$5,953,388 Revenue - \$5,462,821 Expenditures) in revenue is projected.

Billing Contract. The current billing agency, Wittman Enterprises, has "deposit-only" access to the CSA-69 bank account and cannot process requests for refunds by insurance agencies and consumers. County EMS staff is now responsible for the account and as a result, it tracks the daily deposits and processes claims for refunds and payments. It is recommended to have an additional clerical person added to County staff to support the CSA-69 billing account due to the increased workload. There was discussion on the County's administrative fee as it correlates to the amount of time to manage the account. The committee agreed to grant additional funds to the County to hire temporary support for managing the account.

Mayor Voepel said that Chairperson Savage wanted to thank both the City of Santee Fire Department and the Lakeside Fire Protection District for keeping their costs down.

C. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief)

Golden Guardian: The Statewide Golden Guardian exercise is on May 18, 2010. There will be a full County activation with Office of Emergency Services (OES), EMS Medical Operations Center (MOC) and the HHSA Department Operations Center. Staff has been training for the exercise and there has been additional grant funding for the expansion of the MOC with technical equipment which will be tested during the drill.

EMT 2010: Due to the passing of AB 2917, the County has had to review the budget and cost recovery for paramedic and EMT certification and recertification fees. There will be additional

time and cost to EMS as they will be collecting fees for the State and performing additional FBI background checks. Regulations go into effect July 1, 2010.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes mentioned that Rebecca Pate, EMS Coordinator, has returned from deployment to Afghanistan.

The protocol for paramedics and EMTs has changed, including the medication recently introduced for nausea in the field to standing orders, the treatment for shock and the treatment of gunshot and stab wounds. Training will start in May and June.

Influenza: A 22 year old with underlying conditions contracted the H1N1 virus and died. Another patient was admitted with H1N1 and has recovered. Compared to past flu outbreaks, H1N1 has lasted longer, and has affected younger people and pregnant women. There have been twice as many deaths as the normal flu season. There is still sporadic flu activity in Alabama and South Carolina. The H1N1 vaccine will be incorporated in the seasonal vaccine given in the fall.

Larry Jackman asked about the prevention expenses to CSA-69 during the flu season. Dr. Haynes explained that normally the flu virus is transmitted by droplets. H1N1 is transmitted airborne and therefore a higher level of protection is needed. Precautions will be re-evaluated.

Earthquake: A 7.2 earthquake near Mexicali was felt in San Diego. It was centered in the desert near Laguna Salada. There have been several after shocks registering between a magnitude of four and five. An ambulance strike team organized with personnel from San Diego Medical Services and American Medical Response went to Calexico and ran calls for 72 hours.

E. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: The department has a new ambulance. Additional expenditures were from orders of 100 more masks and gowns for paramedics.

Santee Fire: The Santee Fire Department Chief has retired. The Department has purchased a new replacement engine for one of their trucks.

Mayor Voepel thanked the County and commended them for the high level of performance they have given CSA-69.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA.

Motion made by Kevin Howe, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Janet I. Wolchko
Administrative Secretary
County EMS



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Minutes

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Savage, Warren – City of Santee

Agency Representatives Present

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County Staff Present

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Simon, Phil – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Smith, Rick – (Alt) Lakeside Comm. Planning Group
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair brought the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Larry Jackman to approve the minutes of May 13, 2010.
Motion carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Budget Subcommittee Report (Saman Yaghmaee)

The budget for fiscal year (FY) 2011/12 needs to be submitted by the end of February 2011. Chairperson Savage thanked EMS staff and the CSA-69 Budget Subcommittee for their work on the CSA-69 budget.

The next subcommittee meeting will be February 10, 2011.

B. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)

Saman Yaghmaee furnished a budget and contract report to the committee and gave an overview and analysis of CSA-69 revenue and expenditures by FY. Total revenue increased from \$4,878,640 in FY 2008/09 to \$6,164,575 in FY 2009/10. Revenue generated from the transport of patients was \$1.1 million higher than the projected amount. Total expenditure was lower than the budget amount due to saving on expenditures by contractors.

FY 2009/10 analysis:

Total Revenue		\$6,164,575
Property tax	\$ 453,229	
Benefit fee	\$ 2,233,268	
Resident transport	\$ 2,783,228	
Non-resident transport	\$ 674,425	
Interest	<u>\$ 20,425</u>	
Total expenditures		<u>\$5,179,030</u>
Revenue in excess of expenditures		\$ 985,545

Property Tax Revenue: Revenue from property tax has declined by 16.2 percent from \$526,796 in FY 2008/09 to \$453,229 in FY 2009/10. This was due to the overall decline in property values in the service area.

Benefit Fee Revenue: Revenue from the benefit fee increased by 3.8 percent from \$2,151,888 in FY 2008/09 to \$2,233,268 in FY 2009/10.

Resident and Non-Resident Transport Revenue: Revenue from the resident transport increased by 59.8 percent from \$2,163,661 in FY 2008/09 to \$3,457,653 in FY 2009/10, and by 45.9 percent compared to the budgeted amount of \$2,371,200. Significant increases are due to increase in transport fees, change in billing company

and improved communication between the hospitals, fire agencies, billing company and insurance providers.

Interest Revenue: Interest on the reserve was lowered by 77 percent from \$36,295 in FY 2008/09 to \$20,425 in FY 2009/10. This is due to lower interest rates and return on capital.

Cash Reserve: Cash reserve increased from \$1,259,457 in July 1, 2009 to \$2,245,003 as of July 1, 2010. It was explained that there should be a minimum amount of \$1 million in the cash reserve to cover six months operation expenses for cash flow purposes.

Contracts: Chief Metz reported that County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) met with Chief Scott regarding the CSA-69 contract with El Cajon. The contract with El Cajon expires on December 31, 2010 and will be renegotiated as a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between El Cajon and County EMS. The CSA-69 Advisory Committee discussed concerns with El Cajon's collection, billing and reimbursement practices. Chief Metz said that the County wanted the CSA-69 Advisory Committee to be aware that El Cajon will seek payment from the residents of CSA-69 if they are not reimbursed for the calls/transportations made in the CSA-69 area. After 150 days, if payment has not been received, El Cajon will bill residents and non residents at their rates and follow their delinquent accounts procedures.

County EMS representatives will relay CSA-69 concerns regarding the billing and collection issues when they meet with El Cajon to discuss the contract. EMS will keep the CSA-69 Advisory Committee and the Budget Subcommittee updated on the contract renegotiation.

C. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, County EMS Chief)

On November 18, 2010 there will be a Statewide Healthcare Exercise with a bomb explosion scenario. The Department Operations/Medical Operations Center (DOC/MOC) will be open and activated. In May, the County participated in a similar scenario during the Golden Guardian drill; therefore, the November 18, 2010 drill will focus on activation of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and, working with the military and EMS participants, on transportation of patients to local healthcare facilities.

EMT 2010 was implemented on July 1, 2010. State regulations and the County's responsibility to collect certification fees and to investigate issues and appeals with EMT applicants have begun.

D. Medical Director's Report (Marcy Metz, County EMS Chief)

Chief Metz furnished a County news release regarding the increase of pertussis (whooping cough) cases. It was reported that there have been 495 confirmed cases of pertussis in 2010 and 143 cases in 2009. The previous high for the county was in 2005 with 371 cases. It is important that field personnel and adults that are around children

should be vaccinated with the Tdap and seasonal vaccine. **Action: Chief Metz will provide Warren Savage with information on pertussis to provide to residents.**

E. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: The pertussis and flu vaccine will be available to employees in October.

Santee Fire: The Fire Chief position remains open.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The CSA-69 meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2010 will be moved due to the Veterans Day holiday.

The next CSA-69 Advisory Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 18, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Submitted by

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Savage, Warren – City of Santee

Agency Representatives Present

Ghio, Augie – San Miguel Fire Protection Dist
Hisaw, John – Lakeside Fire
Lorenz, Jon J. – Lakeside Fire Board Member
Mattick, Richard – City of Santee Fire District
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Simon, Phil – (Alt) Santee Chamber of Commerce
Smith, Rick – (Alt) Lakeside Comm. Planning Group
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

Guests Present

Conniry, Susan – Lakeside Resident

Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

John Lorenz and Susan Conniry introduced themselves. Mr. Lorenz is the new Lakeside Fire Board member. Ms. Conniry is a Lakeside resident.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum for the meeting was not met. The minutes from the September 9, 2010 meeting will be approved with today's minutes during the February 2011 meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Budget Subcommittee Report

There is no report. The Budget Subcommittee has not met since the last CSA-69 Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Financial Report (Adria Cavanaugh for Saman Yaghmaee)

Adria Cavanaugh provided a budget and contract update report. Ms. Cavanaugh reviewed the budget highlights for fiscal year (FY) 2010/11.

Expenditures:

Expenditures have increased overall by about 6.7 percent annually over the past six fiscal years. Total expenditures are projected to reach \$5.6 million. Year-to-date difference in expenditures compared to last year is due to the delay of invoicing and posting until the end of the final quarter. Revenue is projected to be greater than expenditures at \$612,000 by the end of the year.

Revenue:

Property Tax Revenue: In the first four months of the current fiscal year, revenue from property tax is at \$26,532. The revenue shown is a lower amount than projected due to the fact that property taxes are collected in the third and fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Revenue from property taxes is projected to remain the same as FY 2009/10.

Benefit Fee Revenue: In the first four months of the current fiscal year, revenue from the benefit fee is \$107,222 and is projected to remain the same as FY 2009/10. Benefit fees are collected in the third and fourth quarters of the fiscal year.

Resident and Non-Resident Transport Revenue: During the first four months of the current fiscal year, total revenue from transport fees are \$1,104,334. This is slightly higher compared to \$903,661 this time last year. However, collection has been lower in months of September and October compared to July and August of this year. Causes of the decline will be discussed with the contractor at a meeting scheduled for December 15, 2010.

Interest Revenue: Interest revenue collected to date is \$5,537 in the first four months and is expected to increase over the amount of interest in the last FY.

Cash Reserve: Cash reserve is about \$2.2 million. The updated graph on Page 2 of the report separates out the 90 days of cash flow needed to maintain services versus the true reserve in the account. The estimated reserve, not including 90 day cash flow is about \$839,000.

Collections: Collections are slightly down compared to this time last year. The contractor reported that two large checks are due from Medi-cal. Medicare payments are small and inconsistent.

CSA-69 Projected BY 2010/11 Budget

Total Projected Revenue		\$6,234,150
Projected Expenditures:		
Property tax	\$ 453,229	
Benefit fee	\$ 2,233.268	
Resident transport	\$ 2,813,228	
Non-resident transport	\$ 694.425	
Interest	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	
Total Projected Expenditures		<u>\$5,621,895</u>
Projected Revenue in excess of expenditures		\$ 612,255

Comments:

Mr. Savage thanked the County for their work with the budget and financial reports.

Operational costs of doing business for fire and ambulance services have increased by 38 percent over the past six years.

Collections are going well with the new contractor. There has been an increase in the benefit fee and the ambulance fee. With inflation, the aging society, and the additional increase in cost, the cash reserve will likely decrease. These factors indicate there should be a proactive approach to provide continued education and information to the community.

C. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, County EMS Chief)

EMS participated in the Statewide Emergency Preparedness drill earlier today. The scenario for the drill was an explosive device, but because EMS had participated in an explosive device scenario during the May Golden Guardian Exercise, the County partnered with the military in a National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) drill. Patients were brought into Miramar and distributed to hospitals throughout the County. Eleven ambulances, six strike teams from multiple agencies and 55 volunteers participated in the drill. The EMS Department Operations Center (DOC) was fully activated and included community partners such as ambulance coordinators and base hospital coordinators. The drill included a HAVBED report to the State with a count of available beds for surge capacity data. Representatives from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and County Communications were also participants in the drill.

State EMS Medical Director, Dr. Tharratt, has resigned and taken a position as Statewide Director of Medical Care in the Office of the California Prison Receiver. The State is in the process of recruiting a new Medical Director for the State EMS Authority. Dan Smiley will be acting Director until a new Director has been appointed.

The Health Service Capacity Task Force met in October to prepare for the flu season. The plan from last year was reviewed and will be used for the upcoming flu season.

The Quality Collector System (QCS) prehospital computer system will be on the internet and implemented by April 1, 2011. There will be a letter sent out in November with the computer requirements to access the service.

The EMS Commission will be meeting in December. The State is hosting a Statewide Trauma Summit and will be discussing the Statewide Trauma Plan. A report will be given at the next CSA-69 meeting.

D. Medical Director's Report (Dr. Haynes)

Pertussis. The pertussis epidemic continues. It is recommended to have the Tdap vaccine in addition to the influenza vaccine. There have been eight deaths from pertussis in the state, two in San Diego County that were under the age of six months. The Tdap vaccination is especially recommended for those individuals who take care of or have children in the home. Because of the number of children that had pertussis and were immunized, information on the vaccine's effectiveness is being reviewed.

Shingles is a herpes virus similar to chickenpox. There is a new vaccine available for the shingles virus. The vaccine is intended for people who are over 60.

Action: Dr. Haynes will check with Kaiser to see if the shingle vaccine is available. He will also check if the MMR vaccination is recommended for adults.

Influenza. It is recommended to get the influenza vaccine as soon as possible. The California Department of Public Health released a new guidance document for influenza prevention recommending that fire fighters and ambulance workers wear a mask around patients with suspected or confirmed influenza as part of standard protection. Those doing aerosol-generating procedures should wear a N95 mask, gloves and a gown.

There are a number of people that do not trust vaccination. Stories related to complications from individuals that were not vaccinated can be found at shotbyshot.org.

Treatment Guidelines. Every two years the treatment guidelines for paramedics and EMTs to use in the field are reviewed. Every five years the American Heart Association (AHA) reviews the treatment guidelines for cardiac resuscitation and heart care. These have just been released and will be looked at during the review of the paramedic and EMT treatment guidelines.

CPR. A paper was published in the October 6, 2010 issue of JAMA stating that compression only CPR was compared to no CPR or traditional CPR with ventilations

when used by bystanders on patients with cardiac arrest. The rate of patient survival to hospital discharge was improved in this study when compression only CPR was used.

Safe Surrender. Fire departments are designated as safe surrender reception areas in addition to hospitals where a mother can give up a baby that was born outside the hospital. There has been a third safe surrender in Oceanside. It would be helpful to have the child's medical history filled out by the person who is surrendering the child.

Bypass. Grossmont Hospital had a few bypass issues in the last month due to installing a new computerized medical record system. Other hospitals will eventually install new systems, and during that time there will be slow down issues in the emergency rooms.

Committee comments:

Warren Savage mentioned that El Cajon and Santee has been selected as part of a child study asking young women if they are expecting to become pregnant within the next five years. It will be a 25 year study based on the Framingham Massachusetts cardiac study. The study will focus on preborn conditions that may have been environmentally caused. They will be looking at location and age of the child through 20 years of age. The study will begin in February 2011.

A reported case of cholera was found in an individual that arrived in the United States from Haiti. Dr. Haynes explained that with techniques and isolation procedures that are practiced in the United States, it is unlikely that there would be a cholera epidemic.

E. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: Lakeside Fire will have a new building by the end of 2011. There may be a possibility during the process that the building will not be available for the summer and fall CSA-69 meetings.

Jon Lorenz is the newly elected Lakeside Fire Director.

Kenneth Coyle announced that this will be his last CSA-69 meeting as a representative from the Lakeside Fire Protection District.

Santee Fire: Santee Fire is in the process of recruiting a Fire Chief.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 10, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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